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By Maria E. Vega

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: ) Group Art Unit: 3641  
JOSEPH H. BARTOZZI ET AL. ) Examiner: Thomson, Michelle  
Serial No.: 09/998,814 )  
Filed: October 24, 2001 )  
For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR )  
LOCKING FIREARM IN AN OPEN )  
POSITION BY BLOCKING ACTION )

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 10, 2002, the Applicants hereby petition for a one month extension of term, attached hereto, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), thereby extending the term for response to and including December 10, 2002.

Substantively, the Applicants hereby request reconsideration and partial withdrawal of the restriction requirement set forth by the Examiner. However, if the Examiner chooses to make the restriction requirement final, the Applicants provisionally elect the following for prosecution:

- regarding sections 1-4 of the Office Action, the claims in Group II (Claims 11-16, drawn to a firearm);
- regarding section 5 of the Office Action, the following species: